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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 17, 2008 through Sunday, March 23, 2008. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

**03/17/08 (1) Draw for Thursday 03/20/08**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Thursday. At 12:30 p.m. the draw was held with ninety-three (93) horses drawing in to eleven (11) races. Scratch time will be Tuesday March 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**03/17/08 (2) Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

**03/18/08 (1) Scratch Time for Thursday 03/20/08**

At scratch time there were two (2) scratches and thirteen (13) driver changes.

**03/18/08 (2) Draw for Friday 03/21/08 & Saturday 03/22/08**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday's and Saturday's programs.

At 3:00 p.m. the draw for Friday was held with one hundred five (105) horses drawing to compete in thirteen (13) events. Immediately thereafter

the draw was conducted for Saturday's program with one hundred four (104) horses drawn to compete in thirteen (13) events.

Scratch time for both programs is Wednesday March 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

03/18/08 (3) **Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

03/19/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday 03/21/08 & Saturday 03/22/08**

Scratch time for both programs was today at 9:00 a.m. For Friday's card we had eight (8) driver changes and one (1) scratch.

For Saturday's card we had ten (10) driver changes and no scratches.

03/19/08 (2) **Qualifying Race Draw**

Entries were taken for qualifying races to be contested Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Six (6) qualifying races are scheduled for Thursday p.m. with forty one (41) horses scheduled to compete.

03/19/08 (3) **Dark Day**

**Thursday**

03/20/08 (1) **Brian Solden Hearing – CHRB Case #08SW-0051**

Trainer Brian Solden appeared before the stewards concerning California Horse Racing Board Complaint #08SW-0051. Trainer Solden waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty for a first offense. See Ruling #14.

03/20/08 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Qualifying races were held today at 4:30 p.m. under the supervision of Stewards Meyers and McLaren. Thirty (30) of forty-one (41) entrants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

03/20/08 (3) **Race #2 – Late Declaration/Owner**

On Thursday afternoon the stewards were notified via the daily problem sheet that Owner Gene Kelly had not paid the fine (\$500) assessed under Ruling #04, dated March 08, 2008. The stewards scratched #6 "Four Starz Bambino" from Race #2 and issued Ruling #15 rescinding the reinstatement of Owner Gene Kelly's license.

03/20/08 (4) **Race #9 – Driver/Trainer – Conflict**

Immediately following Race #9, it was brought to the attention of the stewards that there was a possible conflict of interest relative to Trainer/Driver Frank Petrelli. Following is a narrative forwarded to Executive Director Breed at his request, outlining the circumstances from the steward's perspective:

*The proof similarly showed the driver on #7 as "TBA".*

*At Scratch time the trainer (Frank Petrelli) named himself to drive #7, which in and of itself, is no violation of any CHRB rule.*

*The procedures in place do not allow for a final proof, thus this situation went unnoticed until after the race.*

*The practice at Cal-Expo for "perception of the public" has been to have a trainer, if he/she chooses to drive, drive a horse in which he/she or his/her spouse has an ownership interest. However, in this instance this practice was not followed.*

*After discussion with the Racing Secretary a procedure has been implemented whereby a final proof will be approved before the final program is released for production.*

*This should prevent any re-occurrence of this problem.*

03/20/08 (5) **Program Changes**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Race Program Correction - #2 “Machilera”

Should Read – Off Lasix

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “Four Starz Bambino” – Trainer Brian Pharies

Refund: \$0                      Stewards

### 5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #3 “Hogemony” – Trainer Gilbert Herrera

Refund: \$0                      Injured – Dr. Dooley

## 7<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #5 “Star Time Kid”

Should Read - Lasix

## 8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1A "Hickory Max" – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$0                      Injured – Dr. Dooley

11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #9 "Look I Win" – Trainer Jason Ricco

Refund: \$3                      Injured – Dr. Dooley

03/20/08 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance 301

Live Handle (On Track)	\$38,269
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Handle (In State)	\$370,416
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Handle (Out of State)	\$239,175
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Total Handle	\$647,860
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## Friday

**03/21/08 (1) Attorney – Re: Oscar Thornton**

The stewards held an informal meeting with Attorney Bruce J. Janigian, who represents Licensee Oscar Thornton, who has issues dating back to 2005. The issues were discussed at length and, it would appear, that a resolution acceptable to all parties is in the offing.

03/21/08 (2) **Race #11 – Timer Malfunction**

At the conclusion of Race #11, the timer on the infield tote board showed the race time as 1:54. The official computer in the judge's stand showed the actual race time to be 1:54<sup>2</sup>.

Officials at Plusmic USA have been informed and are investigating.

03/21/08 (3) **Program Changes**

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 "Bundle Of Dreams" – Trainer Dario Solares  
Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Dooley

12<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #8 "Kokorona" – Trainer Tom Wine II  
Refund: \$15 Injured – Dr. Dooley

13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #9 "Look Left N" – Trainer Frank Petrelli  
Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Dooley

03/21/08 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	347
Live Handle (On Track)	\$58,723
Handle (In State)	\$573,158
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$352,911</u>
Total Handle	\$984,792

**Saturday**

03/22/08 (1) **David Siegel/Stewards**

Driver David Siegel met with the stewards today at 5:00 p.m. The meeting (in response to a request by Mr. Siegel) was called to discuss a variety of concerns expressed by Mr. Siegel.

Mr. Siegel's concerns appeared to center around a situation which developed on Saturday, January 05, 2008 when Driver Siegel was not allowed to be named on drives for Thursday, January 10, 2008, due to the fact that he had been excused from his driving commitments on Friday, January 04, 2008 and Saturday, January 05, 2008 due to an injury suffered off-track on the previous Sunday.

Mr. Siegel's contention was that in light of the fact that he had provided a doctor's clearance effective Sunday, January 06, 2008, he should have been allowed to accept these driving assignments.

After a rather lengthy discussion, during which the stewards assured Mr. Siegel that he was being treated as would any other licensee, the meeting was adjourned.

03/22/08 (2) **Race #6 – Inquiry/Start**

At the start of this race, it appeared that #1A "Webstar" (James Kennedy), and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place finisher #3 "Bud's Buddy" (Benedicto Alavarez [P]) were momentarily 'out of position' behind the starting gate. However, the situation was quickly rectified and the start continued. After viewing films and talking to the starter, the stewards unanimously

concluded there were no rule violations and thus no change in the official order of finish.

03/22/08 (3) **Race #12 – Timer Malfunction**

At the conclusion of Race #12, the timer on the infield tote board showed 1:55 while the official computer in the judge's stand showed 1:55<sup>3</sup>. This was the second incident of this kind in the past three (3) days.

Management at Plusmic Inc. are aware of this 'intermittent problem' and are attempting to isolate the problem.

03/22/08 (4) **TVG Returns – Good Racing/Improving Handle**

The previous problems with TVG have been resolved and TVG is carrying our signal and accepting wagers. The week's programs featured extremely competitive racing and management expressed optimism with the improving handle.

03/22/08 (5) **Program Changes**

9<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #4 "Themaninthefwindow"

Should Read –Lasix

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 "Carl Lewis N" – Trainer Lou Pena

Refund: \$23 Injured – Dr. Dooley

12<sup>th</sup> Race Program Correction - #8 "Fantasy Island"

Should Read – Off Lasix

03/22/08 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	529
Live Handle (On Track)	\$61,423
Handle (In State)	\$585,536
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$324,826</u>
Total Handle	\$971,785

**RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK**

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| 03/20/08 | 14 | Trainer Brian Solden, who started "Photo Delight" in the Tenth Race on February 28, 2008, at Cal-Expo, is hereby fined the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – Flunixin 87 ng/ml in Excess of Permitted Level) Class VI – First Offense. |
| 03/22/08 | 15 | Owner Gene Kelly, is hereby Suspended for failure to pay the fine assessed in Ruling #04 dated March 07, 2008.   |

**W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y**

**ATTENDANCE  
REPORT -**

The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this

reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

#### **VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
20-Mar	5	3	HOGEMONY	HERRERA	Injured	Dooley	\$0.00
	8	1A	HICKORY MAX	PETRELLI	Injured	Dooley	\$0.00
	11	9	LOOK I WIN	RICCO	Injured	Dooley	\$3.00
21-Mar	6	6	BUNDLE OF DREAMS	SOLARES	Injured	Dooley	\$1.00
	12	8	KOKORONA	WINE II	Injured	Dooley	\$15.00
	13	9	LOOK LEFT N	PETRELLI	Injured	Dooley	\$0.00
22-Mar	9	7	CARL LEWIS N	PENA	Injured	Dooley	\$23.00

#### **WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	16,069.70
Bay Meadows	\$	93,636.70
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	7,932.80
Fresno Club One	\$	6,186.50
Golden Gate	\$	52,242.80
Monterey	\$	12,862.70
Pleasanton	\$	32,706.10
Sacramento	\$	136,246.30
San Jose	\$	55,993.70
Santa Rosa	\$	8,569.00
Stockton	\$	31,369.60
Tulare	\$	1,074.20
Turlock	\$	11.60
Vallejo	\$	21,641.90
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	916,911.85

## **CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION**

### **SUMMARY**

**2008**

	<b>Mon 03/17</b>	<b>Tues 03/18</b>	<b>Wed 03/19</b>	<b>Thurs 03/20</b>	<b>Fri 03/21</b>	<b>Sat 03/22</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, McLaren and Meyers were in attendance.**

**All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**

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**Brent McLaren, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**